## **Impromptu Essay**

Students will have up to one hour to write an essay. The theme and required format will be announced at the beginning of the session. Themes may be taken from a wide variety of topics: Ancient Roman culture, customs, mythology, or the Latin language. Students are not allowed any resources aside from their beautiful minds. Students will be competing against those of their same grade level (i.e. all 9th graders compete against each other regardless of what level of Latin they are taking).

## **Judging Criteria:**

- · format (legibility and adherence to directions)
- mechanics (correct use of English)
- · content (accurate details, appropriate to the student's level)
- · coherence (overall excellence in addressing the theme)